

Jason Kander, Missouri's 39th Secretary of State
Administration Accomplishments: 2013-2017

"My goal is to build on the work that has been done in the Secretary of State's office to provide even better service to Missourians. These initiatives will make it easier to start a business in Missouri, more efficient for eligible Missourians to vote, as well as give the public confidence that my office is being run in a nonpartisan and fair way. And, we are not spending a single extra tax dollar to work on these projects."

-Jason Kander, on Day 1 accomplishments as Secretary of State

Day 1:

- Instituted a new ethics policy for staff to ensure they are best serving Missourians. Secretary of State staff were prohibited from taking gifts from lobbyists and required to complete an ethics training course to ensure they understand Missouri's ethics laws before starting work;
- Launched the Business Outreach Office to help entrepreneurs navigate the requirements necessary to do business in Missouri and connect them with organizations in their area that may be able to help them succeed; and
- Announced the formation of a commission made up of local election officials, other elected officeholders, business leaders, and additional stakeholders to advise on the most efficient, fair and secure way to allow eligible Missourians to cast a ballot before Election Day.

First 100 Days:

- Returned thousands of dollars for Missouri investors;
- Disbursed more than \$1 million in grants to public libraries;
- Instituted a public comment process for initiative petitions, which has been expanded to include posting petitions online within 24 hours after they are received by the office to provide a greater opportunity for Missourians to provide comments on the proposed initiative;
- Launched TheMissouriChannel.com, where Missourians can find archived audio files of floor debate from the Missouri Senate and House of Representatives so they can listen to their government in action when it's convenient for them; and
- Upgraded office policy to protect employees from discrimination based on sexual orientation.

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2013-2017 Highlights:

Preserving the Integrity of Elections

- Helped Missouri move into the Top 10 in election administration rankings;
- Enabled Missourians to fill out their voter registration forms online;
- Expanded military voting opportunities through MoMilitaryVote.com;
- Led a statewide voter roll clean-up to make voter rolls the most accurate and current they have been in decades;
- Established the Elections Integrity Unit to investigate elections complaints;
- Established the Elections Integrity Task Force made up of federal, state, and local law enforcement and local election authorities; and
- Made approximately \$7 million in grants available to help local election authorities improve election efficiency and pay for new voting machines.

Protecting Missouri Investors

- Ordered the payment of more than \$83 million in restitution, sent over 800 restitution checks to aggrieved investors, and worked with prosecutors to sentence criminals to over 165 years of prison and over 31 years of probation;
- Called for the SEC to require companies to disclose political spending;
- Reached an \$850,000 settlement with Morgan Keegan for fraud related to Mamtek bonds;
- Launched a new website to help protect seniors from fraud;
- Convened a symposium of national experts and leaders to examine senior investor protection issues, which led to a law that is now a national model; and
- Worked with the Attorney General's Office to secure a \$21.5 million settlement from Standard and Poor's.

Delivering Good Government

- Submitted the smallest operating budget for the Secretary of State's office in over a decade;
- Vastly expanded online business filing options with a new website;
- Invested in early literacy with the Racing to Read program; and
- Formed an educational partnership between the Missouri State Archives and Missouri State University.

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Legislative Accomplishments:

The administration worked with bipartisan legislative sponsors and stakeholders in dozens of organizations to pass several pieces of legislation, all with strong bipartisan support.

- Established the Startups for Soldiers Program
This legislation promotes entrepreneurship opportunities for veterans by waiving fees for veterans who wish to create businesses in Missouri.
- Created the Senior Savings Protection Act
The act helps prevent scam artists from draining Missouri seniors' accounts through financial exploitation. It promotes collaboration between families, financial professionals, and law enforcement to prevent financial fraud and has become model legislation nationally.
- Expanded *Safe at Home* to Protect Survivors of Human Trafficking
This legislation added human trafficking survivors to the categories of survivors who can participate in the *Safe at Home* address confidentiality program.
- Expanded Military Voter Registration
This legislation extended the deadline for military and overseas voters to register to vote in person by 3 weeks, until 5 p.m. on the Friday before an election.
- Cut Red Tape for Family Farms
Provided an exemption to family farm corporations from filing annual paperwork unless important information has changed within the past year.
- Provided Safer Voting Options for Survivors of Violence
This legislation expanded the list of accepted reasons for voting absentee in Missouri to include participation in the *Safe at Home* address confidentiality program. The program serves survivors of rape, sexual assault, domestic violence, stalking, and human trafficking.
- Expanded *Safe at Home* to Strengthen Stalking Laws
This legislation modified the set of aggravating factors in existing stalking laws to include situations where a victim is a participant in the *Safe at Home* address confidentiality program.